

In The Claims:

Please amend claims 19 and 26:

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19. (Amended) A spray nozzle as defined in claim 14, further comprising at least one nozzle body and [at least one carrier,] wherein the nozzle body is received within the carrier on an approximately opposite side of the swirl unit relative to the orifice plate, the nozzle body defines at least one fluid conduit coupled in fluid communication with the fluid passageway and the swirl chamber for introducing fluid through the swirl unit and orifice plate, and the nozzle body is engageable with the swirl unit for securing the swirl unit and orifice plate within the carrier.

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26. (Amended) A swirl unit as defined in claim 25 [26], wherein said at least one recessed surface is approximately planar.

Remarks

The Office Action addressed claims 1-27. Claims 1-25 and 27 were stated to contain allowable subject matter, although, claims 19-22 and 26 were rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph. While it was not stated that claim 26 includes allowable subject matter, Applicant believes this to be the case as only a formal rejection was made to this claim.

In response to this action, claims 19 and 26 are hereby amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim Applicant's invention. Claims 1-27 remain pending in this application. No new matter has been added. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are allowable and entry of the foregoing amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 19 and 26 stand newly rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph as lacking clarity. Applicant has amended these claims above in a manner believed to overcome this rejection.

The foregoing Amendment is necessary and proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 in view of this new rejection of claims 19-22 and 26 now made by the Examiner in the Office Action dated June 23, 2000.


Applicant respectfully requests entry of the foregoing amendment, re-consideration, re-examination and allowance of each of the presently pending claims 1-27.

No additional fee is believed to be required; however, if an additional fee is required, or otherwise if necessary to cover any deficiency in fees already paid, authorization is hereby given to charge our deposit account no. 11-0231.

If there are any questions, or if any additional material or information is required, please call the undersigned at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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